

St. Aloysius School is a family of God
where we can grow in Catholic Faith, Character and Knowledge
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August 30, 2011

Parent Reminders:

NO SCHOOL, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (Labor Day)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT- This Wednesday, August 31, Back-to-School Night will be held from 7-8pm. Each session will last approximately 30 minutes. This is information night for parents only. You will also have an opportunity to be fingerprinted in the library from 6-8pm. The cost is \$52 and checks may be made out to PDA. You will be given the necessary paperwork to fill out at that time, or you may pick up the paperwork beforehand in the school office. **Reminder, if you are going to volunteer in any capacity for the school, you must have fingerprints on file in the school office.**

DAYCARE- The monthly rate for the month of September will be as follows: \$30 Before School care, \$80 After School care, \$100 for both. Envelopes are attached to today's notes and are due back by Sept. 1st.

SCRIP- Today you will find a new SCRIP list attached to your notes that also includes information on the \$200 assessment due by September 15 as well as how to apply for grocery cards.

A few changes have been made to the SCRIP list that we would like to point out:

We no longer have Valero, Borders, Blockbuster or Jack's Git n Go. Jack's will accept TIP (Downtown Tulare) to purchase gas as well as anything inside the store.

Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic increased to 12%
Palace and Savemart have increased to 6% while supplies last
Bravo Farms- increment changed to \$20's
TIP- we have removed the \$300 monthly limit for now

2011 HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS- The St. Aloysius Holiday Extravaganza tickets will be available for pick-up on Weds, August 31st during Back to School Night. Please look for Liz Pires and Kathleen Johnson near the School Garden. Times for pick-up will be 6:45pm – 8:15pm.

As a reminder, the St. Aloysius Holiday Extravaganza is a reverse drawing and silent/live auction and will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 at the Tulare County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$100 each (and allow admittance for two people per ticket). Each St. Aloysius family is required to sell TWO tickets. This event is being announced at the start of the school year so that families have ample time to sell their required two tickets by the November 1st deadline. These event tickets sell extremely well—be sure to ask coworkers, neighbors, etc. Also keep in mind that a group of people can split the cost of the \$100 ticket, and of course the winnings!

IMPORTANT TICKET DATES:

Tuesday, November 1st: All ticket money DUE (\$200 per family)
Tuesday, November 15th: Unpaid/outstanding tickets will be billed

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING- There will be a Safe Environment training tonight in the school library at 6pm. The next training on campus will be October 19th. You may also go online to

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shieldthevulnerable.org and complete your training there. Please remember to print out your certificate and bring to the office. You will also need to sign a Code of Conduct form. There is a \$6 online fee which will be billed to your school account. If you have any questions please call the school office at 686-6250.

EL PARGO FUNDRAISER- Come out to El Pargo on Tuesday, October 4th! El Pargo will donate 10% of the sales to the school. El Pargo accepts Downtown Tulare (TIP) SCRIP.

UNIFORM SALES- Orders for September are due by Wednesday August 31st. Please send them with payment to the office or call or text Anne-Marie at #905-5819. Remember to get those sweatshirts ordered!

SNACK BAR- The Snack Bar is now open! Please see the attached list of prices for the 2011-2012 School Year. There are a few new items this year: fruit snacks, apple juice, cereal bars and circus animal cookies. Prices for all Cougar Spirit items are included as well. Please note that we have had to raise the price on muffins this year. Thankfully, that is the only price increase we had to make. Thank you for supporting the St. Aloysius Student Council Snack Bar!

COUGH DROPS- If your child is in need of cough drops please send a note with your child to school. The office will provide the cough drops so no need to send them with your child.

FAIR WRISTBANDS- St. Aloysius 4-H will be selling wristbands this Friday, September 2nd, outside the cafeteria doors. The wristbands are \$18 each and will go up at the fair. Any questions please call Julie Beltran at 679-8322.

MASS- Student Council will prepare the liturgy on Friday, Sept. 2, 8:15am

GAMES- Football and volleyball games will be here at St. Aloysius (vs Sundale), 1:00pm.

August 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

As the school year begins, we wanted to remind you about the new SCRIP policy that was put into effect several years ago. ALL families are now required to **pay** a \$200 SCRIP assessment that will be due by September 15, 2011. Once your assessment has been paid in full, families will immediately be eligible for the 50/50 split with the school. This will allow you the opportunity to see immediate return on your purchases and aid you in rebates on your tuition and registration. The assessment will also insure that SCRIP can contribute their budgeted amount for the year to the school at the beginning of the year.

For example: Based on purchasing gift cards at a 5% return, a family would have to spend \$4000 to reach their \$200 commitment. By paying the \$200 up front, a family that spent that would automatically receive a \$100 rebate to apply towards tuition on their first statement of the year. This assessment has been done at other catholic schools in our area and families have been able to see a greater return on their investment earlier in the year. Families that regularly purchase scrip, swipe grocery cards and have monthly gas bills paid will see more money come back to them than before.

Please write a separate check for this \$200 assessment and do not include with your scrip order or tuition payment. We will once again be having our very popular scrip contest in the fall between the classes. Families that have not paid their assessment by the due date will cause their child to be ineligible to participate in the contest, which could subsequently hurt their classes' chances of winning the free dress day!!

There is an envelope attached that you may use to pay your scrip assessment. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthwhile program benefiting our school and families.

FAQ ABOUT SCRIP

When is SCRIP sold?

SCRIP is sold Monday-Thursday. SCRIP orders must be turned in with FULL payment by 10:00 am in order for your order to be filled. SCRIP can be picked up from 2:00-3:15 pm on the day it is sold in the scrip office or school office.

Do I need to pay for my SCRIP ahead of time?

YES!!! All SCRIP orders must be accompanied with payment. Due to our computerized SCRIP program, reports cannot be run until all payments have been entered. Your order will not be filled without payment.

Why do I need to give a daytime phone number?

If you have ordered something that we are out of, you will be contacted to find out if you would like to backorder the item or choose something else for the same dollar amount.

When do I get an account statement?

We send out statements at the end of October, January and May. You will be given an itemized statement and a total showing how much profit you have generated.

Can I have more than one grocery store card?

You are allowed four Foods Co. cards per family and 2 Save Mart cards per student. Forms requesting these will go out in the Tuesday notes and are also in the school office. These cards are handed out through the school office.

Can friends and family order scrip for me?

YES!!! Please make sure that if they do a separate order that they have included your account name and number on their order to make sure you receive the credit. Their order must accompany yours in order to receive credit.

Do I need to order in advance for large orders or holiday gifts?

YES! Large orders of one particular vendor need to be ordered at least a week in advance. We also recommend that you start purchasing for Christmas in November. We cannot guarantee that a special order placed the last week of school will be filled.

SCRIP is sold Monday-Thursday. Orders must be turned in by 10:00 am to be processed. Orders will be available for pick up from 2:00-3:15 pm in the school or scrip office.
 Payment MUST accompany the order!! Backorders will be available the following Thursday from when order was placed.
 Remember to write a contact number on your order in case of questions.
 Once SCRIP is purchased, it may not be exchanged for another item at a later date.

Make checks payable to **St. Aloysius**

Vendor	%	Denom.	Note	Vendor	%	Denom.	Note
A				D			
Advanced Laser Clinic	10	50, 100	E	Del Taco	4	10	
Aeropostale	7	25		Denny's	7	10	
Amazon.com	4	25	E	Dennis Uniforms	5	20	E
American Eagle Outfitters	9	25		Disney	2	25, 100, 1000	E, A
Applebee's	8	25		Domino's	8	10	
Arco	1.5	50, 100		Downtown Tulare	5	10, 25	
B				Downtown Visalia	6	10, 25, 50, 100	B
Baja Fresh	7	25		Dress Barn	8	25	E
Banana Republic (see Gap)	12	25		E			
Baskin & Robbins	9	2		Elements Design Center	4		2
Bath & Body Works	10	10, 25		Espi's	10	10, 25	
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7	25		F			
Best Buy	3	25, 100		Figaro's	10	10	
Betty Brite	10	3, 5, 20		Flemings/Outback	8	25	E
Big 5	8	25		Foods Co.	3	25, 100	
Black Bear Diner	10	10, 25		Fugazzi's	10	25	
Bravo Farms	10	20		G			
Build A Bear	8	25		GameStop	3	25	
Burger King	4	10		Gap Tri-card	12	25	
C				Gymboree	10	25	
California Pizza Kitchen	4	10	E	H-I			
Carl's Jr	5	10		Hazel's	10	10	
Cheesecake Factory	5	25	E	Home Depot	4	25, 100, 500	A
Chevron	1.5	50, 100		Hot Dog on a Stick	50	5	4
The Children's Place	10	25	E	Hyatt Hotels	8	50, 100	E
Chipotle	10	10		I, J			
Chili's/Macaroni Grill	9	25		iHOP	8	25	E
Chuck E. Cheese	8	10		Indulgence- Renee Uzzell	10	10, 25	
Claire's	9	10		In n Out Burger	10	10	
Clay Café	10	20	E	iTunes	5	15, 25	
Coldstone Creamery	8	10		Jack Grigg's Exeter	2		1
Cool Hand Luke's	7	25		Jack In The Box	4	10	
Costco	1	50, 100		Jackie Brockway-Tiffany's Med Spa	10	10, 25	
Crate and Barrel	8	25, 100	E	Jamba Juice	7	10	
Creekside Day Spa	10	25, 50	E	JCPenney	5	25, 100	D
Creekside Laser Hair Removal	10	25, 50	E	JoAnn Fabric	6	20	
CVS Pharmacy	6	25, 100		K			
NOTES:				KFC	8	5	
1. Please send invoices and checks made out to St. Aloysius to:				Kohl's	5	25, 100	C
St. Aloysius Attn: DeAnna Pitman 627 Beatrice Dr. Tulare, CA 93274				Kmart	4	25	
2. Put note with remittance stating you'd like Scrip credit				L			
3. Contact Mark directly at 684-0910 to arrange scrip payment.				La Piazza	10	10, 25	
4. While supplies last				Little Caesars Pizza	8	20	
				Lowe's	4	25, 100, 500	A

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- B. \$100's available while supplies last
- C. Can use to pay bill
- D. Can NOT use to pay bills
- E. Must order in advance

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M				S			
Macy's	10	25, 100	D	Sally's Beauty Supply	10	25	E
Marie Callendar's	10	25		Savemart	6	25, 100	4
Mark Michaelian Photography	3		3	SCRIP Gift Certificate	4	10, 25, 100	
Marriott Hotels	8	50, 100, 500	E	Sear's	4	25, 100	A, D
Marshall's/TJMaxx/HomeGoods	7	25		See's Candy	20	16.10	
McDonald's	10	5		Sephora	4	20	
Me n Eds	7	25		Shell Oil Debit Card	2.5	50,100	
Michaels	4	25		Shutterfly	9	25	E
Mikey V's	50	10	4	Silva's Oil	2		2
Mimi's	8	25		Smart and Final	3	25, 100	
Mobil/Exxon	1.5	50		Sonic	10	10, 25	
Mystic Massage	10	55	E	Staple's	5	25	
N-O				T-U			
Office Depot	4	25		Starbuck's	7	10, 25	
Old Navy (see Gap)	12	25		Subway	3	10	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9	25		Sunglass Hut	10	25	E
Outback/Flemings	8	25	E	T-U			
P-Q				Tahoe Joe's	7	25	E
PF Changs	7	25	E	Target	2	25, 100	D
Palace Food Depot	6	20, 50	4	The Grocery Store (Bob's)	5	10, 25	
Panera Bread	9	10		Tri-Star Car Wash	10	25	
Payless Shoe Source	10	20		Touch of Class	6	10, 25	
Pier One	9	25		Toys R Us	1.5	20	
Pizza Hut	8	10		Tulare Pool Supply	5	5, 10, 25	E
Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma	8	25, 100		V			
Quizno's	10	10		Valley Pacific	3		1
R				Vejar's (Cross Street)	10	10	
Red Robin	9	25		Vejar's (K Street)	10	10	
Regal Cinemas	8	25	E	Vieira Custom Chopping	1		2
Rite Aid	4	25		Visalia Adventure Park	10	10	E
Roche Oil	2		2	W-Z			
Rocky Mountain Chocolate	11	10		Walgreen's	6	25	
Ross	8	25		Walmart	2	25, 100	
R-N Market	3	10, 25	Tulare only	Wendy's	4	10	
Round Table Pizza	10	10		Williams-Sonoma/Pottery Barn	8	25, 100	
Ruth Chris Steakhouse	10	50	E				

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SAVEMART SHARES CARD

SHARES stands for Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports in our community. Present your card before you pay for your groceries at Save Mart Supermarkets. Your receipt will show the amount of points earned for that transaction and the monthly total points earned. At the end of each month, a percentage of the points earned will become a monetary donation sent in your name to your school. This will then be applied to your SCRIP account and appear on your quarterly SCRIP statement. Some non food items such as stamps, money orders, gift cards, Ticketmaster, lotto, lottery and sales tax will not be eligible to earn points.

If you already have a SHARES card, you do not need to apply for a new one. You are allowed 2 cards per student. Please turn this form into office by September 15.

Child Name _____
Child Name _____
Child Name _____
Child Name _____

Parent Name _____
Parent Signature _____
Date _____

FOODS CO.

This form must be turned in to the office by September 15th to receive a card for Foods Co. Limit of 4 cards per family.

You do not need to apply for a new card every year. Previously issued cards will still work at the checkstand.

Foods Co. cards need to be swiped at the check stand before your transaction is completed. You will receive up to 4% back to be applied towards your SCRIP account. Instructions will be sent with your card on how to register your card, this must be done by each individual family, the school is not able to register the cards.

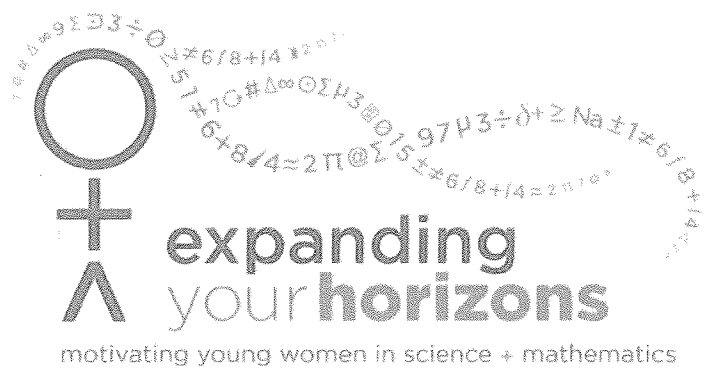
Family Name: _____

Scrip Account Number: _____

I would like _____ Foods Co. card(s).

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Save the Date

12TH ANNUAL EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS CONFERENCE

IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY

FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN GRADES 4 THROUGH 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS, VISALIA

This exciting conference is for young women in grades 4 - 10. It is designed to nurture girls' interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology, while encouraging them to consider career options in these fields. The young women will learn about career opportunities by participating in hands-on workshops led by women scientists, mathematicians, and engineers.

For more registration information, contact Paula Terrill at Educational Resource Services at 559-651-0565 or e-mail paulat@ers.tcoe.org.

Register online at www.tcoe.org/eyh

Tulare County
Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

College
of the
Sequoias

Snack Bar Price List (Highest to Lowest)

Diet Coke (can)	\$1.00
Root Beer (cans)	\$1.00
Snow Cones	\$1.00
Sports Drink	\$1.00
Sunny D	\$1.00
Water	\$1.00
Brownies	\$0.75
Cheetos	\$0.75
Corn Nuts (any flavor)	\$0.75
Donuts (any flavor)	\$0.75
Doritos (any flavor)	\$0.75
Famous Amos Cookies	\$0.75
Flaming Hot Cheetos	\$0.75
Goldfish Crackers	\$0.75
Lay's Chips (any flavor)	\$0.75
M&Ms (Plain or Peanut)	\$0.75
Muffins (any flavor)	\$0.75
Skittles	\$0.75
Sour Punch Straws (any flavor)	\$0.75
Starburst	\$0.75

Apple Juice	\$0.50
Cereal Bars (any flavor)	\$0.50
Circus Animal Cookies	\$0.50
Go Gurt	\$0.50
Missile Pops	\$0.50
Rice Krispy Treats	\$0.50
Air Heads	\$0.25
Fruit Snacks	\$0.25
Mini Corn Nuts (any flavor)	\$0.25
Otter Pops	\$0.25

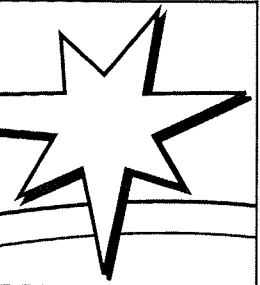
SPIRIT ITEMS

Pencil	\$0.25
Pen	\$1.00
ID Tag (for backpacks, etc...)	\$1.50

Sneaker Badges:

These go on the bottom laces of lace up shoes.	
They're totally Cougar and uniform approved!	\$2.00/pair

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2011

St. Aloysius School
Mr. Joel Nunes, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Religious education

During the new school year, treat faith formation and religious education with the same importance as your child's academic education. Be sure to supervise religion homework or assignments. Reading, writing, and religion are important life skills your children will always need.



Heal together

The most effective way to convince our children of the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to seek it ourselves. If you haven't been to Confession in a while, your priest will be happy to remind you of how it is done. Welcoming a penitent sinner back to God's forgiveness is one of a priest's greatest joys.

Volunteer early

Getting children involved in parish life makes it more likely that they will want to come to Mass regularly. Ask if young children can perform small jobs such as handing out bulletins or acting as greeters. Even minor roles can help children feel a part of the parish, too.



Make your family top priority

Strong schools, sports teams, and hobbies all make important contributions in our children's lives. Experts agree, however, that the most important lessons come from loving parents who spend time with their children. The best way to make family time a priority is to schedule it and make it happen.

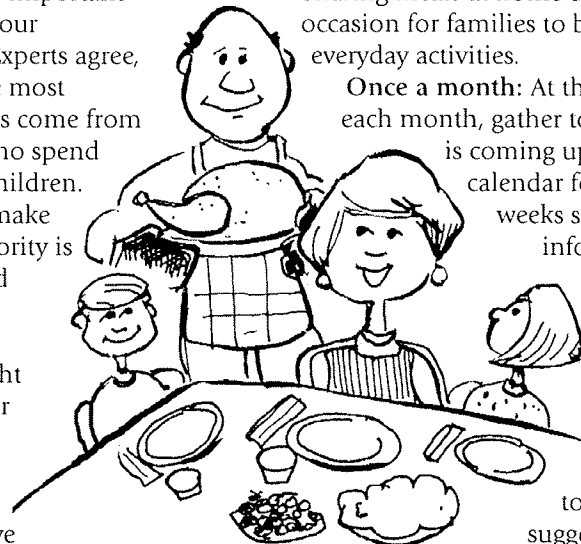
Once a week: Dedicate one night each week to your family. Make it something fun like playing board games, have a talent show so children can demonstrate progress in music or dance lessons, make popcorn and watch a movie from the library. Protect it on the calendar and let nothing interfere.

Several times a week: Bring your family together at mealtime whether for

microwaved or home-cooked dinners. Sharing meals at home creates an occasion for families to bond over everyday activities.

Once a month: At the beginning of each month, gather to review what is coming up on the calendar for the next few weeks so all are informed. Also discuss family issues and problems. Let each person be allowed to bring up topics or give suggestions for solutions.

Once in a while: Introduce a learning opportunity. Have a short lesson to teach a virtue or a life skill you want your children to learn. Or, bring home an outsider such as a priest or sister to visit and learn from.

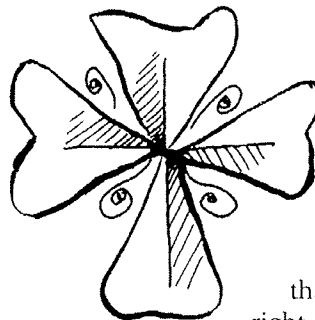


Why Do Catholics Do That?

To help us live a holy life each day, the Catholic Church has identified four necessary virtues we all need to acquire, called Cardinal Virtues.

They are: *temperance* – the virtue that helps us to control our impulses and desires, *justice* – to help

What are the Cardinal Virtues?



us respect the rights of others and give God his due, *fortitude* – which gives us the resolve to resist temptation and the courage to do right, and *prudence* – the virtue that helps us to make the right choices.

Help children find time for prayer

One way to help children remember to pray throughout the day is to combine prayer with regular daily activities. For example:

On your knees. To remember to say morning prayers, put shoes under beds the night before. When youngsters bend down to retrieve them in the morning, children can stay on their knees and say a quick prayer offering the day to God.

Buckle up. Each time you buckle up a seatbelt in the car, offer a prayer together



asking that you remain aware of God's presence in your life. Or, perhaps pray the Guardian Angel Prayer asking for protection during the journey.

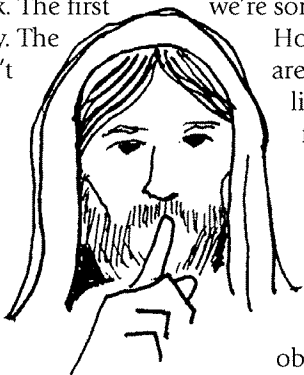
Special intention jar. Keep a jar in a central place in your home, such as a kitchen counter or near a main door. Throughout the day, each person can write prayer intentions on slips of paper and put them in the jar. Before going to bed at night, family members can pull a note from the jar and pray for that need with their regular nighttime prayers.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 16:21-27, How can I gain salvation?

Jesus tells of the man who sent two sons to the vineyard to work. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Jesus asked which son did as the father asked. Obviously the first son did.

If we say, "Yes, God, I believe in you," that's not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into heaven just because we say that, we'll be disappointed. Words are not enough. True obedience is shown through actions. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We



can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry.

How can we show God we are sorry? We can go back to living as Jesus taught us by following the Commandments and the Beatitudes.

What can a parent do? Use this Gospel to show children what obedience is all about, both obedience to God and obedience to parents. We can teach our children that doing what Jesus asked us to do is the most important way to live our lives.

Feasts & Celebrations

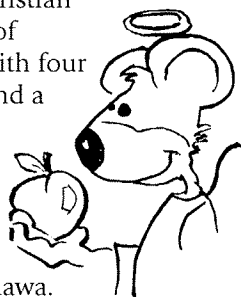
Sept. 12 – Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

Sept. 16 – St. Cyprian (258). A theologian and orator, Cyprian was bishop of Carthage. He helped defend the Church against heretics and set guidelines for readmitting lapsed Christians. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols, was exiled and martyred.

Sept. 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). King of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked

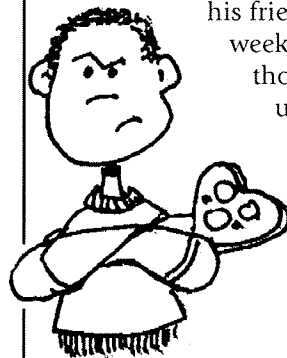
to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the needy. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The "Good King" was immediately recognized as a martyr.

Sept. 28 – St. Lawrence Ruiz (1630). Lawrence was born in the Philippines to Christian parents. Accused of murder, he fled with four Catholic priests and a leper to Nagasaki, Japan, but came under violent persecution. They were martyred on Okinawa.



Parent TALK

Jamal isn't allowed to play video games during the week so when Friday comes, he quickly disappears to meet his friends online. Last weekend was different, though. He came upstairs after only a few minutes because his friends were playing a new game that my husband and I don't approve and won't buy. We won't even let him use his own money to buy it. It's very violent.



It was hard to see him sad but this wasn't the first time we have forbidden something allowed by other families. In this case, my husband and I feel strongly that violent video games hurt children and we won't accept them just because other parents say they are okay. Our standards are different.

Jamal doesn't like feeling left out. But, as Catholics, we have to do what we think is best even if it isn't always easy or popular. God is watching.

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